GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1007
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SIBERIAN CRANES
BALIRAM

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 867 dated February 24, 2003 and state:

(a) the assistance provided by the Union as well as State Government for the development of 989 bigha pond which is visited by Siberian Cranes from the month of November to February/March every year in Azamgarh district of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) whether the Union Government would issue guidelines to the State Government for survey and development of this pond; and

(c) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI DILIP SINGH JU DEV)

(a) Financial assistance is provided by the Union Government under centrally sponsored scheme for development of national parks and sanctuaries based on the proposals submitted by the State Governments. No assistance has been asked for by the State Forest Department for development of 989 bigha pond situated in Azamgarh district of Uttar Pradesh as a wildlife sanctuary or a national park. Further, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Government of Uttar Pradesh has reported that no assistance has been provided for this area under the schemes of the State Government through the Forest Department.

(b) & (c) For the purpose of declaring a national park or a wildlife sanctuary for protecting, propagating or developing wildlife or its environment in an area of adequate ecological, faunal, floral, geomorphological, natural or zoological significance, the State Governments are fully empowered under Wild Life (Protection) Act 1972. No separate guidelines in this regard are therefore required.